

REMARKS

This application is amended in a manner to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Status of the Claims

Claims 38-40, 45, 51, 54-56 and 58 are amended. Support for the substantive changes may be found, for example, on pages 12 and 13 of original specification for claim 39, on page 6 for claims 54 and 55, and on page 19, lines 20-26 for claim 58.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the rejoinder of the previously withdrawn claims.

Claims 31-60 remain pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indicated allowable subject matter of claims 31-38, 40-45, 52 and 53.

Claim Objections

Claims 40, 45 and 51 were objected to because of informalities.

These claims have been amended as suggested in the Official Action.

Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections-35 USC §112

Claims 39, 46-51 and 54-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons below.

Claims 39, 46 and 54-56 were specifically rejected for reciting features in an indefinite manner. These claims have been amended to recite the features in a definite manner.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment to the claims and the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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